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OUTLINES.

Furniture manufactory at Dunn, N. C., destroyed by fire; loss about $10,000. —— Three thousand Chinese soldiers killed and a square mile of houses levelled at Hang Chow, by the explosion of a powder magazine. —— Williams, of Mississippi, spoke in the House yesterday in opposition to annexation of the Philippine islands by the United States. —— Senator Butler, of North Carolina, gave notice of an amendment to the pension appropriation bill pensioning ex-Confederate soldiers. —— Representative Gibson, of Tennessee, has introduced a bill in the House granting extra pay to volunteers on discharge. —— Gen. Wilson, commanding the First corps, denies that he is going to resign. —— Six people killed by a snow slide in the Klondike. —— Favorable report has been ordered on the Hull bill increasing the regular army to 100,000 men. —— Congress will adjourn for the holidays from December 21st to January 4th. —— Sam'l. Gompers elected president of the American Federation of Labor. —— New York markets: Money on call was steady at 2½@4 per cent., the last loan being at 2½ per cent.; cotton quiet; middling uplands 5 13-16c; flour quiet, easy; wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red 77c; corn—spot easy; No 2 42½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 42½@43c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 20.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 64 deg.; 8 P.M., 64 deg.; maximum, 73 deg.; minimum, 60 deg.; mean, 66 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .04; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.18.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 4.6 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Generally fair, preceded by rain on the coast; cooler; fresh southwesterly winds.

Port Almanac---Dec. 21.

Sun Rises	7.07 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 44 M.
High Water at Southport	2.11 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	4.41 A. M.

There are bright prospects before the members of the Montana Legislature. Two millionaires are rival candidates for the U. S. Senate.

A ten-year old boy has been sent to jail in Indianapolis, Ind., for picking up coal along a railroad track. Men who steal railroads do not go to jail, but are regarded as cute fellows.

In one precinct in Indiana there are five Republican voters, the youngest of whom is 84 years and the oldest is 95. This must be some of the dark corners, that some light didn't fall on these old men.

In addition to the starvation caused by the floods in the Yellow river in China, there are sections in the interior of the State where the crops have failed and where people are dying by the hundred of starvation.

The Province of Chin Cow Fu, in China, where the people are reported to be dying by the hundred from starvation, is 150 miles long by 70 miles wide, and contains a population of 4,782,000, or a little over 455 to the square mile.

A New York doctor says it isn't so much kleptomania that leads women to theft in the stores, as it is the seductive display of articles they fancy, which gets away with their discretion and honesty, and makes them purloin what they cannot conveniently purchase.

Miller, the winner of the six days bicycle race in New York, ate no solid food but came out solid. His fare consisted of cereals, liquids, fruits and eggs. Some of the liquid food consisted of prepared bottled milk, milk plain, and beef extracts, but no stimulants, and only nine and a quarter hours sleep.

A Wilwaukee, Wisconsin, Alderman, has discovered that there is a saloon in that city where Aldermen play poker for large sums but never lose. Some who were never considered experts at the game have phenomenal luck. He says a street railway which is after franchises has taken this cute way of buying the Aldermen who can be tempted to play it's poker game.

How provokingly careless some editors are. A Japanese editor, in telling about a very tall soldier in the Japanese army, says a Japanese Prince could not, although standing on tip toe, touch the nose of this elongated Jap; while the Prince, when in Germany last year, touched the loftiest German soldier on the tip of the nose. Now if this editorial slouch had told us whether the Prince was three or six feet tall we might form some conception of the size of this high up Jap.

A new industry is to be started in Oregon, for the manufacture of what they call wool from pine needles. It will confine itself at first to manufacturing a fibre for mats, rugs, carpets, mattresses, etc., and later will make a finer wool to be woven into cloth for undergarments, etc. This industry has been carried on to some extent in Germany for years, and was for a time extensively carried on near this city, but it seems that the Oregon pine is discovered to be extraordinarily well adapted for the manufacture of the finer fibres suitable for cloth. This experiment will be watched with interest, for if successful there are large possibilities in it.

The peanut is asserting itself. In addition to being a great nerve quieter, a soothing soporific and the Solons' solace, the announcement is made that an excellent quality of butter is made from it that rivals "cow butter," and excels most of the "cow butter" that is found on the market. We have as yet only partially fathomed the possibilities of the peanut.

Irishmen are not backward in coming forward when they get half a chance. One of the favorite officers in the army of the Russian Czar, and one of his most trusted advisers, is an Irishman, whose nationality would never be known by his name, for they have Russianized O'Bryan into O'Brutscheff.

The fact that ex-Queen Lil demands $6,000,000 for her patch of land in Hawaii invites a contemporary to remark that Lil cuts considerable of a figure herself when she straightens up and puts on a royal strut.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia have just received an order for sixteen locomotives for a railroad in China, the second order received from China within ten months.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. B. Cooper—Sugar.
King Grocery Co.—Butter.
Palace Bakery—Florida oranges.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

R. C. Orrell—For sale.
Palace Bakery—Oranges.
Lost—Letter without stamp.
Mrs. E. Rush—Rooms for rent.
Palace Bakery—Florida oranges.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. D. W. Biggs, of Ashpole, was here on business yesterday.

— E. T. Pullen, of Rocky Point, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. L. P. Best, of Warsaw, was a guest at The Orton yester day.

— Mr. J. A. Murphy, of Atkinson, Pender county, was in the city yesterday.

— Miss Baker, a charming young lady of Charleston, is the guest of Miss Marie Peschau.

— Mr. C. C. Covington and wife left yesterday for Elizabethtown, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Covington's mother, Mrs. Cromartie, of that town.

— Mr. E. B. Waters, late of Philadelphia, after spending a few days at The Orton, the guest of Mr. Cliff Cohen, assistant paymaster of the A. C. L., left yesterday for Atlanta, where he will locate.

An A. C. L. Heavy Weight.

Among the heavy weight acquisitions to the A. C. L. foot ball team which will play the O. A. N.'s during Christmas is Mr. George W. Piner, the stalwart officer in charge of the gate at the A. C. L. passenger depot. He is an ideal heavy weight and the thought of colliding with him is not very pleasant. However, the O. A. N.'s will have an eleven which will give the A. C. L.'s all they will care to run up against.

Tendered Their Thanks.

In the report of the meeting of the Board of Alderman in yesterday STAR, it was inadvertently omitted that upon motion of Alderman Taylor, Drs. F. H. Russell and Richard J. Price were tendered a unanimous vote of thanks for services kindly rendered in the physical examination of police officers, who were candidates for permanent positions.

The First Rehearsal.

The first meeting for the rehearsal of the "Dance of the Seasons," the entertainment to be given under the direction of Miss Cammie Lord January 13th and 14th, was held at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the City Hall, the Board of Aldermen having kindly granted the ladies the use of the hall for that purpose.

Alarm of Fire.

An alarm of fire was turned in from box 47 yesterday morning at 11.50 o'clock. The department, with its usual promptness, responded and located the fire at 118 Wooster street, in a frame house occupied by negroes. The alarm was occasioned by a chimney burning out.

MERCHANTS MEETING

Matters Pertaining to the Welfare of the City and County Discussed.

WILL PETITION LEGISLATURE

For Enactment of Certain Laws—As to Public Roads and Their Improvement. An Assignment Law—Suggestions Favoring Stock Law.

Pursuant to a call issued by the Executive Committee of the Merchants' Association, a meeting of that organization and other business men of the city was held in the rooms of the Association at 4 o'clock yesterday after noon.

The meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm was manifested.

Mr. W. A. Johnson was called to the chair, and members of the press were requested to act as secretaries.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting, as set forth in the call—to discuss such matters as were for the good of the community commercially and to petition the next General Assembly, through their representatives, for the enactment of any legislation to this end.

A Collection Law.

The question of a practical law for the collection of small amounts was introduced by Mr. W. E. Worth, who read a bill now pending before the Massachusetts and Pennsylvania legislatures. Mr. Worth stated that with the existing homestead law, the collection of small bills was practically impossible, so far as any compulsion on the part of the creditor is concerned.

Mr. Junius Davis thought that the law suggested by Mr. Worth would be in conflict with the constitution.

The question was further discussed in a general way by Dr. W. C. Galloway, Mr. J. M. Solkoy, Mr. D. L. Gore, Mr. B. F. Keith and others, but no definite action was taken with regard to making a recommendation to the representatives of the legislature from the county.

The chairman, Mr. Johnson, stated that the question of a just assignment law was also one for discussion in the meeting.

Mr. J. Allen Taylor stated that the bankruptcy law which has recently gone into effect by an act of Congress, was very comprehensive, and very desirable, but that it had no effect on the validity of the present State assignment law, as in almost every case of the failure of a business man he availed himself of the provisions of the present State law, which everybody admitted to be defective.

Mr. Geo. R. French thought a State assignment law in line with the national bankrupt law would be very desirable.

Mr. Taylor stated that he was in favor of instructing the legislators from this county to use their influence for the repeal of the present law relating to assignments.

The matter was further discussed by Messrs. C. M. Whitlock, W. H. Malloy, Junius Davis, Esq., and Col. Roger Moore.

A motion at length prevailed, upon the suggestion of Junius Davis, Esq., and Mr. W. E. Worth, that it was the sense of the meeting that a fair and equitable assignment law to creditor and debtor alike was very desirable, and to that end the representatives in the next General Assembly from New Hanover county be instructed to use their influence for the enactment of an assignment law in line with the national bankruptcy law.

Suggestions About Fences.

This matter having been disposed of the question of a no-fence law for New Hanover county was freely discussed, the sentiment prevailing that it would be a great improvement over present conditions.

Mr. Worth stated it as his opinion that the scarcity of pine timber in this vicinity was due largely to the fact that hogs and other live stock had destroyed the young trees. Besides this, among other objectionable features, it was a menace to prospective farmers, who would buy lands here under more favorable conditions.

Col. Roger Moore and Mr. B. F. Keith agreed heartily to what Mr. Worth said and Mr. Hugh MacRae said he thought it wise not only to secure a stock law for New Hanover, but also to induce other counties adjoining to do likewise. Mr. W. H. Malloy stated that it would be best for New Hanover to secure the law first and other counties would follow in her footsteps.

The matter was also discussed by Messrs. G. W. Westbrook, G. J. Boney, Oscar Pearsall and Dr. Galloway, who said that he thought the only objection to the movement would come from non-property owners and negroes.

Mr. G. R. French made a motion, which was carried, that the legislators from this county be instructed to use their efforts to secure the enactment of this law.

The Road Question.

The discussion on the fence law question having been disposed of, Mr. Oscar Pearsall introduced the question of a concerted movement for better roads. He said that of all things that would contribute most to the growth of the city it would be good roads. The present arrangements for road improvements he considered inadequate and thought that the County Commissioners should be empowered to issue bonds, within reason, for the more successful accomplishment of this work.

Capt. T. D. Meares stated that he did not wish to antagonize what Mr. Pearsall had said, but he thought that the convict system, in addition to money judiciously expended for the work, would guarantee better thoroughfares.

Mr. Gore stated in this connection that he thought real estate owners only should be allowed to vote in the matter of issuing bonds, and that the issuance of bonds should be handled with care. Mr. Worth made a motion, which afterwards was carried with amendments, that the meeting instruct its legislators to use their efforts with the General Assembly to make the road law now in operation in Mecklenberg county applicable to New Hanover.

The question was then discussed more fully by Messrs. MacRae and Pearsall, after which Mr. J. Allen Taylor offered the following resolution as an amendment to Mr. Worth's motion:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that our representatives in the Legislature be requested to use their influence to empower, by legal enactment, our County Commissioners to issue bonds to the amount of $75,000 for permanent county roads, and that a commission of five be named in the bill, who shall have sole control of the construction of the roads and disbursements of the fund, over a period of from one to five years.

The motion with Mr. Taylor's amendment was adopted.

The chairman, upon motion, was instructed to appoint a committee to officially notify Messrs. Rountree and Willard, New Hanover's representatives in the House, of the action of the body. This committee has not yet been appointed but will be announced to-day.

No other business being suggested for the consideration of the body, the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

THE BOARD OF AUDIT AND FINANCE.

Old First National Bank Taxes to be Refunded—Change of Lamp-Lighter's Contract Approved.

The city Board of Audit and Finance held a meeting yesterday afternoon. Those of the members in attendance were Chairman H. C. McQueen, Mr. Jesse Wilder and Mr. S. P. McNair.

The Board approved an order for $1,040, which is to be paid by the city to the receiver of the old First National Bank, this being the amount of a tax which was paid to the city by the bank after its failure. Subsequently suit was entered by creditors for the recovery of the money on the plea that, the bank having failed, the city was not entitled to collect the taxes. The United States Circuit Court rendered judgment against the city and the order approved last night was to liquidate the judgment.

Bills for current expenses to the amount of about $200 were approved.

The Board approved a bank loan to the city of $35,000, and the payment of $200 interest.

The bond of Mr. M. W. Devine for the fulfilment of the contract to have the oil lamps used in certain sections of the city lighted as recently made with him by the Board of Aldermen was approved.

The Board adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

CHRISTMAS FOOT BALL GAME

Mr. W. A. Farris Offers a Prize to the Winners—The Managers Hold a Conference.

There is every promise of a truly interesting game to be played on Monday of Christmas week between the A. C. L. and O. A. N. foot ball teams. The boys are practicing nightly and making excellent headway. Manager James Sinclair requests all the O. A. N. players to report at their grounds promptly at 8 o'clock to-night.

Mr. W. A. Farris, the enterprising proprietor of the Palace Bakery, has offered a prize of a pound of fine candies to each of the players on the winning team. Capt. Sinclair, of the O. A. N., has offered to share his box of candy with Capt. Hatch, but the latter says that if the A. C. L. don't win the candy themselves, they will most and the O. A. N. will dearly earn every ounce of it.

Manager Davis, of the A. C. L., and Manager Metts, of the O. A. N., held a conference yesterday and arranged the business details. The game will be played on the Hilton gridiron probably at 3 P. M.

IN TOKEN OF THEIR APPRECIATION.

Rev. J. W. Kramer Recipient of Handsome Present From Street Employes.

Rev. J. W. Kramer was the recipient yesterday afternoon of a valuable and very handsome present from the street employes, whose service in their behalf during his term as an alderman they fully recognize and highly appreciate. The present was a gold headed cane, and bore the simple inscription, "Rev. J. W. Kramer, 1898." The movement to present Mr. Kramer with some token of the marked appreciation in which he is held by the street force was inaugurated by Lieutenant F. T. Skipper, of the police force, some days ago, and the formal presentation was made in the City Hall yesterday afternoon by Mr. J. A. Perry, superintendent of streets.

Mr. Kramer accepted the gift, making a very brief, but grateful speech in acceptance.

Turner's North Carolina Almanacs for 1899, for sale by Robt. R. Bellamy.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Revenue Cutter Hamilton, arrived at Southport yesterday morning.

— There will be a very important meeting of the Grace Epworth League at 8 o'clock to-night. Officers are to be elected.

— Register of Deeds Biddle issued three marriage licenses yesterday two to colored couples and one to a white couple.

— Rev. R. L. Bumpass, Presiding Elder, Wilmington District, will conduct the services at Fifth Street M. E. Church to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

— Rev. Isaac Yonan, a Persian missionary, who has been in the city for several days, lectured at Immanuel Presbyterian church last night on the "Manners and Customs of Persia."

— The Wilmington High School foot-ball team is practicing faithfully for their Christmas games and say that their eleven is in even better trim than evre before. They have an engagement to play the A. C. L. juniors.

— A young man who started to the postoffice with a letter yesterday forenoon lost it before reaching the office. It was probably lost on Walnut, Fourth, Grace or Queen streets. The letter was addressed to D. W. Kern, Botetourt, Va., and a reasonable reward will be paid for the delivery at Nutt's drug store.

FULL DOCKET YESTERDAY.

Mayor Waddell Disposed of Many Cases in the City Court—An Attempted Robbery by a Negro.

An important session of the City Court was held yesterday morning by Mayor Waddell, and as a result several cases were sent over for a hearing by the Criminal Court, which meets in January.

Clarence Davis, a rather young negro man, was tried for larceny in three cases, and for carrying concealed weapons in another case. The charges for larceny were preferred by Nixon Moore, col., from whom Davis stole $3.53 in money, Irvin Russell, col., who lost a pistol by Davis' wholesale thieving, and Oscar Page, col., from whom he stole a suit of clothes. The pistol and clothes were afterwards identified and recovered by the rightful owners, the former having been taken from the prisoner's pockets when arrested. He was sent to jail in default of $100 justified bond.

The case against G. H. Dicksey, for being drunk and disorderly was continued.

Charles Pittman, a young white man, was arraigned for premeditated assault on W. H. H. Todd, an ex-policeman. The evidence showed that Todd was called off his cart, near the corner of Sixth and Castle streets yesterday morning about 2 o'clock, by Pittman, after which a brief conversation ensued which resulted in Pittman's striking Todd in the mouth, knocking two of his teeth out. The defendant refused to make a statement and the Mayor sent him over to the higher court in default of $200 bond.

A negro giving his name as Joe Smith, was up for an attempted burglary of the grocery store of Mr. J. F. Garrett on Second street near Market. Early yesterday morning he was detected by patrolman Burris acting in a very suspicious manner about the door of the store. He waited some minutes for developments, summoned patrolman Smaw from an adjoining beat, and by a clever piece of police work, caught the negro in the act. His only plea is that he was drunk and wandering aimlessly about. He was remanded to the city lock-up to await developments.

Several other minor cases was disposed of but none of importance.

N. C. RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Southern Express Company Ordered to Show Cause Why It Should Not Pay the Stamp Tax.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 20.

This morning the Railroad Commission met at 10 o'clock. The order requiring the Pullman Car Company to file its rates for seats and berths will be heard, also the order that the Southern Express Company show cause why it should not pay the stamp tax on goods shipped through the company.

To-night the North Carolina Agricultural Society will meet to make preliminary arrangements for the Fair next year.

The State geological survey met here to-day.

That Governor Russell is on his good behavior now is evident from the fact that he is appointing such men as C. B. Edwards and W. N. Jones on the Blind Asylum board.

Federal court will doubtless adjourn to-day. This has been the longest term on record here.

It is said that work is to be started shortly on a petition which will be presented to the county commissioners for a local option election, to be held in June.

Ike Meekins, defeated Republican candidate for solicitor in the First district, is in Washington, trying to get "relief."

Death of a Little Girl.

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Robbins will deeply sympathize with them in the loss of their little daughter, Winnie, aged about four years, which occurred at their home, near Phœnix, in Brunswick county, December 19th. The funeral will be conducted at Phœnix to-day, and the interment will also be made there.

SEVERAL Y. M. C. A. MATTERS OF INTEREST.

A Boy's Department Successfully Inaugurated by Secretary Smith—Mass Meeting Movement Successful. The Star Course.

Secretary Smith, of the Y. M. C. A. is much pleased at the progress being made in the matter of disposing of the tickets for the Star Course which is now assured under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and Wilmington Lyceum.

In conversation with a STAR representative last night, Mr. Smith also spoke quite encouragingly of the association work generally. A boy's department has been organized, which promises much success. An arrangement has been made by which boys from 7 to 15 years of age can become members by the consent of their parents and the payment of $3.00 annual dues. All such members to have general access to the association building and privileges, with the exception that they are restricted from the gymnasium and baths from 3.30 to 5 P. M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on Saturdays from 10 until 12 o'clock.

A boy's gymnasium class has been organized and meets every Saturday night.

A very recent improvement in the association apartments is a handsome curtain in the arched entrance to the parlors. It replaces one which was very much worse for wear.

The first Sunday afternoon mass meeting held by the association was that on last Sunday in the auditorium, during which there was an able address by Rev. A. D. McClure, and quite an admirably rendered solo by Mrs. John Frank. Secretary Smith had been told while working up interest, prior to the meeting, that if he succeeded in getting nine men to attend the first meeting that he would be doing remarkably well. He, however, succeeded in getting a congregation of more than fifty. And a highly interesting meeting resulted. These Sunday afternoon mass meetings will, in the future, be regular features of the Y. M. C. A. services.

CRUISER HORNET AND THE NAVAL RESERVES.

Left Hampton Roads Yesterday Afternoon—Will Probably Arrive in Wilmington To-morrow Morning.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

NORFOLK, VA., December 20.—The converted yacht *Hornet*, manned by the North Carolina Naval Reserves, and commanded by Capt. Morton, left the Norfolk navy yard yesterday for Wilmington. It was expected she would arrive at the latter place this morning, but at Hampton Roads the vessel had to anchor on account of a dense fog, it being thought best to wait until the veil of mist had lifted so that there should be no accident to mar the pleasure of the trip and disappoint the people at Wilmington who are anxiously awaiting the *Hornet*. To-day the cruiser *Resolute*, from League Island to Havana, with naval stores and marines, also put into the Roads, and this afternoon the *Hornet* and her crew had the honor to accompany the *Resolute* down the coast, both vessels passing out the Virginia capes together.

The *Hornet* should reach Wilmington [Southport] by Wednesday midnight, and will probably come up to the city early Thursday morning. It is said that the *Resolute* will also put into that port. Officers and crew wish the STAR to say that all aboard are in first class condition, and ready for the welcome that will be extended them.

ARRIVED AT SOUTHPORT.

Revenue Cutter Hamilton Recently Assigned to this District.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

SOUTHPORT, N. C., December 20.—The revenue cutter *Hamilton*, Capt. Roath, Lieuts. Hall and Ulke, arrived this morning from Charleston. The *Hamilton* was formerly on the Philadelphia district, but during the war was on the blockade, off Havana. When the war closed she was sent to the Savannah station, but recently was assigned to this district, with headquarters at Charleston. The *Hamilton* has been cruising up the coast and went to sea again this afternoon.

FIRE AT DUNN, N. C.

Plant of a Furniture Manufactory Destroyed—Loss About $10,000.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

DUNN, N. C., Dec. 20.—The entire plant of the South Dunn Manufacturing Company was destroyed by fire here to-day at 6 P. M. The plant had been in operation five or six years, making cheap grades of furniture. The loss will foot up close to $10,000, including stock and material on hand. We are unable at this writing to learn the cause of the fire or the amount of insurance carried.

A Mammoth Rattler.

The largest rattlesnake that has been reported for some time was killed yesterday afternoon by Mr. R. H. Pickett while out hunting with his friend, Mr. Ed Boushee, near Moore's brick yard, a few miles east of the city. It measured five feet ten inches in length and eleven inches in circumference. It had ten rattles and a button, which according to a long established theory must have made the snake's age over ten years.

BUTTER.

WE REALLY BELIEVE WE ARE SELLING THE BEST BUTTER AT

20c PER POUND that can be had in the city for the money. Now you are using a good lot. Try some of it and save money. And our FLOUR at 2½c per pound is the best that money can buy. We have a lot of MIXED CANDY that we are shoving out at 7c per pound. We also have a small lot of FINE CANDIES from 15 to 35c per pound. Mixed Nuts, Raisins, Loose Muscatelle 8½c, London Layers 12½c, Seeded 10 and 12½c; Cleaned Currants 10c, Citron 12½c, and other goods in proportion.

We get the money as soon as the goods are delivered. We lose nothing on accounts, and no interest on delayed payments; all of which YOU make by trading with us. Why not give us an order?

Respectfully,

THE KING GROCERY CO.,

'Phone 337. B. F. KING, MANAGER.
de 21 tf Fourth Street Bridge.

HOBSON BROKE HIS RECORD.

Kissed 417 Young Women at a Reception Given in His Honor at Kansas City, Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 19.—During a reception given Lieutenant Hobson at the Croates House this afternoon all his kissing records were broken.

Four hundred and seventeen women kissed or were kissed by the hero of the Merrimac. There was a tremendous crush. The lobby, corridors, stairways and parlors of the hotel were filled with women, some of them from fashionable circles and many of them school girls and debutantes.

Some kissed the hero voluntarily, but most of them gave a kiss for an autograph. Not a few declined the osculation privilege, but others yielded after playful struggles. Several professed great indignation over Hobson's aggressiveness, but as all had fair warning there was little sympathy for the victims.

Lieutenant Hobson was positively aggressive to-day and entered into the sport with the enthusiasm of a school boy. Nearly every woman who confronted the Lieutenant wanted his autograph, and before he wrote it he always gravely remarked, with a twinkle in his eye. "Of course, I will be delighted to give you my autograph, but you know that I have established an invariable rule that she who receives my name must pay the penalty."

Then the woman would blush and look conscious and finally wind up by graciously yielding.

FREEDMEN'S SAVING BANK.

House Passes a Bill to Distribute Money Among Claimants.

[*Raleigh Post.*]

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The House passed to-day the Lamb bill to permit the Comptroller of the Currency to pay to depositors of the Freedman's Saving Bank $184,000 barred by act of February 21, 1881. There were paid previous to that date $1,638,259 out of assets stated at $1,822,753. This was paid in seven dividends aggregating 62 per cent. of the general indebtedness. The original claimants in North Carolina were distributed as follows: Raleigh, 579; Newbern, 576; Wilmington, 780. The total payments at these points were: Raleigh, $16,423; Newbern, $18,473; Wilmington, $22,149. While there is no way of giving names of claimants to whom money is still due except from the books of the defunct bank, which are not open to inspection, there are believed to be many North Carolina colored men and women or their heirs to whom money is due and who will now receive it. The bill will pass the Senate as soon as reached, when the money to pay claimants will become immediately available.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—600 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 2 barrels rosin, 4 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,119 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 69 barrels rosin, 103 barrels tar, 88 barrels crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—64 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 98 barrels tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—7 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 65 barrels rosin, 135 barrels tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—82 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 5 barrels rosin, 186 barrels tar.

Total—Cotton, 1,872 bales; spirits turpentine, 58 casks, rosin, 141 barrels; tar, 526 barrels; 89 barrels crude turpentine.

— The regular, *bona fide* circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington.

DIED.

ROBBINS—At Phœnix, N. C., December 19, 1898, WINNIE MAY, daughter of G. M. and M. V., Robbins, aged 4 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. F. PARKER.

Furniture, Furniture Novelties No. 17 S. Front St.

Take one for nothing if I have not got the prettiest and cheapest Fancy Rockers ever shown in Wilmington. Ladies' Desks in Golden, Oak and Mahogany, $5.00. de 18 tf

OPERA HOUSE.

December 21.

The Musical Comedy Hit of the age,

FATE GOODBAR'S

"AS WE SEE IT."

With the original New York Cast of

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SUGAR.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 21.

PRECEDENTS THAT DO NOT APPLY.

The advocates of expansion justify the taking possession of the territory ceded by Spain by what they call the precedents in the purchase of Louisiana, Florida, California and Alaska, although there is no more resemblance than there would be in buying a watch from one man and knocking another down and taking it away from him. As precedents these purchases by the United States count for nothing. In his speech in the Senate in opposition to expansion as it is now understood and is being attempted by those who advocate the holding of the Philippines, Senator Vest showed that these alleged precedents were no precedents at all, for the colonial idea was never entertained as to any of them, as provision was made in the treaties looking to their eventual admission into the Union as States. The point made by Senator Vest is covered by the following which we clip from the Philadelphia *Ledger*, an independent paper, which opposes expansion, but not upon partisan grounds. Quoting from the treaties, it says:

"In view of the proposition of certain expansionists, that the islands ceded by Spain to the United States shall be held in perpetuity, or for a time as colonies under forms of laws other than those prescribed for territories and districts already under our jurisdiction, it is important to note that at no time in its history has the United States acquired territory to be managed under colonial or protectorate forms. Article III of the treaty of cession of Louisiana to the United States, proclaimed October 21, 1803, is as follows:

"'The inhabitants of the ceded territory shall be incorporated in the Union of the United States, and admitted as soon as possible, according to the principles of the Federal Constitution, to the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States; and in the meantime they shall be maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and the religion which they profess.'

"Article VI of the treaty for the cession of Florida, proclaimed February 22, 1821, reads thus:

"'The inhabitants of the territories which his Catholic Majesty cedes to the United States by this treaty shall be incorporated in the Union of the United States as soon as may be consistent with the principles of the Federal Constitution, and admitted to the enjoyment of all the privileges, rights and immunities of the citizens of the United States.'

"Article VIII of the treaty of peace with Mexico, proclaimed July 4, 1848, contains these provisions:

"'Mexicans now established in territories previously belonging to Mexico, and which remain for the future within the limits of the United States, as defined by this treaty, * * * who shall prefer to remain in the said territories, may either retain the title and rights of Mexican citizens or acquire those of citizens of the United States. But they shall be under the obligation to make their election within one year from the date of ratifications of this treaty; and those who shall remain in the said territories after the expiration of that year without having declared their intention to retain the character of Mexicans, shall be considered to have elected to become citizens of the United States.'

Article IX of the same treaty provides:

"The Mexicans who, in the territories aforesaid, shall not preserve the character of citizens of the Mexican Republic, conformably to what is stipulated in the preceding article, shall be incorporated into the Union of the United States, and be admitted at the proper time (to be judged of by the Congress of the United States) to the enjoyment of all the rights of citizens of the United States, according to the principles of the Constitution; and in the meantime shall be maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their liberty and property and secured in the exercise of their religion, without restriction."

When by the treaty with Mexico, proclaimed June 30, 1854, the United States secured what is known as the Gadsden purchase, Article V provided that Articles VIII and IX of the treaty of July 4, 1848, enumerated, should also apply to the newly acquired territory.

Article III of the treaty with Russia, making cession to us of Alaska, proclaimed June 20, 1867, thus provides:

"The inhabitants of the ceded territory, according to their choice, reserving their natural allegiance, may return to Russia within three years; but if they prefer to remain in the ceded territory, they, with the exception of uncivilized native tribes, shall be admitted to the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States, and shall be maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion. The uncivilized tribes shall be subject to such laws and regulations as the United States may from time to time adopt in regard to aboriginal tribes of that country."

Texas was admitted into the Union as a State by act of Congress annexation of treaty having failed of ratification. So, also, Congress, by resolution, acquired Hawaii as a territory, in default of the ratification of a treaty. The Cullom Commission has recommended a form of government for Hawaii, and its citizens become citizens of the United States.

The United States has never had a colony, in the European sense. The aim and intent of all treaties of cession looked to the according of United States citizenship to the free and civilized inhabitants of the territories in question. While the treaty by which Alaska was secured does not in so many terms provide for ultimate Statehood, the fact that the former subjects of Russia, are, by the terms of the treaty, converted into citizens of the United States by remaining in the ceded territory, proves conclusively that Alaska was to be considered not as a colony, but as a territory.

There is no intimation in the treaty with Spain that it is the intention at any time to take any of this ceded territory into the Union, or to make citizens of its people, on the contrary, the declaration has been made by prominent expansionists that these acquisitions are to be held as dependencies. That is what Captain Mahan called them in a speech delivered in New York city not long ago, and the expression was applauded.

But even then, if that were the case, if it was the intention to eventually incorporate this ceded territory into our State system, there would be no precedent then, for in all the other cases there was no question of force in the transactions, they were perfectly legitimate and so conceded to be, for the right of the selling parties to sell was not questioned by any one, and the rights of the inhabitants were recognized by the assurance that they would be made citizens of the United States and given all the rights and protection of citizens. They were solemnly assured that they were not to be held as "subjects", as it is proposed to hold the people of these new acquisitions, but would stand upon the same plane as other citizens. The consequence of this was that there was little or no opposition to the change of sovereignty. In addition to this it must be remembered that all this vast territory contained but few inhabitants, and probably more savage than civilized. Leaving Porto Rico out of consideration, for the present, because the inhabitants seem to welcome the change of sovereignty, we have in the Philippines densely populated territory, more densely than any of the United States, with the exception of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, whose people have never been considered in the transaction and to whom no promises have been made as to their future government.

But as to the Philippines there is another difference which should have made some assurance in this regard even more imperative than in the case of either Louisiana, Florida, California or Alaska, because they had a claim upon this territory that the inhabitants of the other territory named did not have. They fought against Spain to abolish Spanish rule and destroy Spanish ownership. When this had, by the joint action of the Filipinos and Americans, been practically accomplished, the American Government stepped in, made a truce that applied to all territory where American and Spanish forces were confronting each other, and without consulting them bought the territory that they had jointly won a transaction which, if between a party of men engaged in a joint enterprise, would be regarded a breach of confidence and exceedingly disreputable. Fair play to the Filipinos demanded that they should have been consulted and taken in as a party to any final arrangement with Spain, and their rights in the premises duly recognized.

They may not be, and probably are not qualified for self-government, as we understand it, but they are not all savages, and should not be so considered in our dealings with them. They were civilized enough for Admiral Dewey to form an alliance with them; they were civilized enough to co-operate with him and obey his orders; they were civilized enough to proclaim a Republic, in due form, and they are civilized enough to be entitled to decent treatment, and to as much consideration as was shown the French residents of Louisiana, the Spanish residents of Florida, the Mexican residents of California, and the Russian residents of Alaska, none of whom were taken to be held and governed as "subjects."

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Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

PLATT DEFENDS IMPERIALISM.

Senator Platt's speech in the Senate, Monday, in defence of imperialism forms an interesting contribution to that discussion, for he boldly took the position that the constitution of the United States does not figure in it at all. This is a bold position to take but it is the only position that the advocates of expansion can logically take and consistently defend what they are trying to defend. If the constitution is to be recognized then expansion, such as they advocate, cannot be defended, and therefore they are compelled to ignore it as a factor in the premises.

Mr. Platt's contention is that the United States, a sovereign power, may do anything that is not expressly prohibited by the constitution, but this is not a new doctrine for Republicans, who have always dealt with the constitution to suit their convenience or their necessities. It is good enough for ordinary procedure, but when extraordinary emergencies present themselves, then, if the constitution cannot be stretched to cover the case, it is treated as so much waste paper or boxed up and set aside until the thing attempted is accomplished.

When the Republicans were fighting the extension of slavery into the territories Wm. H. Seward discovered "a higher law" than the constitution, while others showed their contempt for it by pronouncing it "a covenant with death and a league with hell." When they undertook to coerce the Southern States they had no constitutional authority for it, but they went outside of the constitution and discovered the supreme law of necessity—that the Government could do anything "to preserve the Union." There was no constitutional authority for the emancipation of the slaves, but it was done as a "military necessity" after the military necessity had ceased. There was no constitutional authority for the enfranchising of these slaves, and the disfranchising of many of their former masters, but both were done. There was a formal observance, it is true, of the constitution in the matter of enfranchising the ex-slaves, by submitting an amendment, which was carried by an unconstitutional vote.

These illustrations show that Mr. Platt is not taking an original departure when he says the constitution has no restricting force as to expansion, for it is in thorough accord with Republican treatment of that instrument when it stands in the way of carrying out Republican schemes.

QUALIFIED SUFFRAGE.

In reply to the quotation of Senator Hoar and others, who are opposed to the colonial idea, that "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," Senator Platt, in his speech, Monday, said this was not always necessary, and cited the fact that in Massachusetts a man who can not read and write can not vote. This was not a germane reply, because that restriction is only conditional and can be removed by the man who desires to vote simply by learning to read and write, when it ceases to apply to him; whereas, in the other case, it is beyond the power of the people of the ceded territory in question to become citizens without special legislation or an abandonment of the colonial system, against which objection is made.

But we call attention this particular case here because there is so much adverse criticism by Republicans of the qualified election laws now in operation in some of the Southern States, which are practically the same as those in force in Massachusetts, the only difference being that while in Massachusetts it is principally white people who are affected, in the Southern States it is principally negroes who are affected. No one has ever heard of the right of Massachusetts to enact such laws being questioned, nor has it ever been proposed that her representation in Congress or in the electoral college should be scaled in proportion to the vote cast, which suggestion has been made to punish the Southern States which have qualified election laws or to compel them to remove the election restrictions and turn the ballot box loose to the mob who can neither read nor write and have no just conception of what the ballot means. But it makes a good deal of difference whether a thing is down North or South of the dividing line.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occationally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

THREE MONTHS TO QUALIFY.

It has been supposed, and so published, that the magistrates elected on November 8th must qualify by December 1st, or their offices would become vacant, and the Governor could fill by appointment, but Attorney General Walser, whose opinion has been asked, holds a different view, as we learn from the following, which we clip from the Raleigh *Post:*

"Attorney General Walser has received dozens of letters relative to this matter. He was notified that the Clerk of the Court in Davie county refused to allow two magistrates to qualify, because they failed to do so prior to December 1st. The following is the Attorney General's opinion, which also shows that the Governor has no authority to appoint magistrates, except in instances of failure to qualify:

In reply to your communication of this date referring to me for answer to a letter from Mr. W. W. Watson, Clerk of the Superior Court of Craven county, I will say that it is my opinion that the Clerks of the Superior Court are authorized to appoint Justices of the Peace to a vacancy caused by death, resignation or other causes during the term of office and also in case of a failure of the electors of any district to elect.

Gilmer vs. Holton, 98 N. C., 26.

The Const. Art. 4, Sec. 28.

The second clause of Section 28, Art. 4, of the Constitution, has again become operative by virtue of the acts of 1895, Chap. 177, Sec. 4.

Acts of 1897, Chapter 5, Section 1: When a person is elected Justice of the Peace and fails to qualify it becomes the duty of the Governor to appoint.

Gilmer vs. Holton, 98 N. C., 26.

I am inclined to think that the Justices of the Peace elected on the 8th day of November, 1898, have three months within which to qualify from the first Monday of December, 1898.

Acts of 1885, chap. 288; the Code, Section 821.

Yours truly,
ZEB. V. WALSER,
Attorney General.

BOOK NOTICES.

"His Baptism of War," describing the adventures of Murray Maquart on the island of Cuba, as told by himself, is an exciting and interesting story, making a book of 253 pages, well printed and nicely bound in paper. Published by E. Tennyson Neely, 114 Fifth Avenue, New York.

"A World of Green Hills" is the title of a very neat and interesting volume recently published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, Mass. It tells of travel in the Alleghanies and Blue Ridge, description of scenery, persons, birds, &c., in three States, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, beginning in North Carolina and concluding in Virginia. The book will be found interesting and instructive.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The full lifetime of a generation has now passed since the close of the Civil War, yet this year's Pension bill carries $4,000,000 more than last year's! Surely, this country does not want any more big wars for another generation, at least.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

—— Senor Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo, the Philippine insurgent, has been getting himself interviewed in London. He declares that the Filipinos have acheived their independence themselves. This will be news to the authorities in Washington and to the general public. Senor Agoncillo speaks of himself as the representative at Washington of the Filipino Government. This is also important if true, which unfortunately for Agoncillo it is not.—*Philadelphia Press, Rep.*

—— The accounts of riot and assassination in Cuba so frequent as to furnish the strongest reason for policing the island until all traces of the vendetta and guerilla warfare are stamped out. It looks as if the rule of savagery in setting private disputes had a strong hold on the people there. We shall also have to reform a good deal that is barbaric in criminal procedure, but this is a matter for legal experts and must be undertaken gradually and with due reference to the force of native custom and prejudice. But assassination can and will be dealt with summarily, although it may take some time to root out the practice.—*New York Commercial Advertiser, Rep.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Irishly Speaking: "She is rather wanfaced, think you not?" "Bedad, she is two-faced."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "Henry Higgins is either very fond of his wife or very close-fisted." "Why" "He goes Christmas shopping with her."

— "Henry, I wish you would let me give you your Christmas present now." "Why, Clara?" "I'm worn out changing my mind about it."

— "Has your baby cut any teeth yet?" "I should say so. It's cut at least one tooth every night during the past six months."—*Cleveland Dealer.*

— "It won't do any good to teach school girls to sew." "Why not?" "Lots of married women who know how to sew won't sew."—*Chicago Record.*

— Hingso—"He's a queer fellow." Jinso—"You bet! He told me yesterday that he didn't like solitude unless he had a girl with him."—*Syracuse Herald.*

— "What would our wives say if they only knew where we are tonight?" remarked the captain of a vessel beating about in a thick fog. "I wouldn't care what they said," replied the mate, "if we only knew where we were ourselves."—*Chicago News.*

— The Preacher—"And do you always say your prayers before you go to bed at night?" Johnny—"Yes, sir." The Preacher—"What are the things you pray for?" Johnny—"Well, mostly that pa won't find out what I have been doin' through the day."

—Sunday School Teacher—"Who was the shortest man mentioned in the Bible?" Bright Pupil—"Peter." Teacher—"Why, I wasn't aware of any reference being made to his nature." Bright Pupil—"He spoke of it himself when he said: 'Silver and gold have I none.' Could any one be shorter?"—*Chicago News.*

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Gastonia *Gazette*: Much cotton yet in the fields. In some cases the price paid for picking cotton is as high as 50 cents. At this figure the man who picks it gets about as much money out of the crop as the man who raises it.

— Greensboro *Record*: David Hodgin died at his home at Center in this county Saturday afternoon after an illness of some weeks. He was perhaps near 70 years of age and had been ailing for some time, his death not being unexpected. Mr. Hodgin was well known throughout the county, being a prominent educator and tutor in his day, following it for many years. He also represented Guilford in the legislature one or two terms and was an honest, upright, Christian gentleman, a number of the Society of Friends.

— Raleigh *Post*: Governor Russell has decided to "be good," it would seem from his official acts of late. Following right on the heels of his appointment of Adjutant General Royster comes the appointment of Cornelius B. Edwards, Esq., one of the staunchest Democrats and best known citizens of Raleigh, to be a director of the Institution for the Blind and Deaf and Dumb in this city, the directorate having in charge both the white blind children and the negro deaf and dumb and blind. No better selection could have been made.

— Lincoln *Journal*: Allen Howard, the young man who stabbed Mr. Harvey Lucky at Sunday school on the 4th, insant, was brought here Monday by sheriff Cline and jailed to await the result of Mr. Lucky's wounds. It seems that young Howard went to the school house, in which Sunday school was being held by Mr. Lucky, the superintendent, drunk and raised a disturbance in the yard. Mr. Lucky went out to remonstrate, when Howard, who had his knife in his hand turned and stabbed him in the breast, the knife blade going through that portion of a rib where it joins the sternum, and penetrating the lung. Mr. Lucky dismissed the school, mounted his horse and rode home. Dr. Davidson, of Triangle, was called and found the wound a very serious one. In the meantime, Howard fled. He was captured at Rock Hill, S. C., Friday and was brought back to Triangle Saturday. He was tried before Esq. J. A. Nixon, who, upon Dr. Davidson testifying that Mr. Lucky was out of danger, released him under a two-hundred dollar bond. Next day, however, Mr. Lucky grew worse and Sheriff Cline was sent for to re-arrest Howard. At last accounts Mr. Lucky's condition was still critical, but there were strong hopes of his recovery. Howard is only about 19 years old.

GREAT CYCLOMETER RUN.

And No Wonder the Rider Was Mad When He Learned the Truth.

Brooks came into the room with a glow of exultation on his face. He was trundling his bicycle.

"Rivers," he exclaimed, "this is the fastest wheel I ever rode. I went out for a spin this morning, and I give you my word I traveled 15 miles an hour right along just as easily as I ever rode at half that speed on any other machine. It's a wonder!"

"Humph!" ejaculated Rivers. "How long were you out?"

"Three hours."

"And you went 45 miles in that time?"

"I did."

"On a race track?"

"No. On ordinary roads. Half the time, moreover, I was pulling against a strong wind."

"And you mean to tell me seriously, Brooks, that you rode that machine 45 miles in three hours on common roads?"

"That's what I do mean, and I'll thank you not to dispute it. When I started out, it was exactly 8 o'clock and the cyclometer stood at 197 miles. When I got back, it was just 11 and the cyclometer indicated 242 miles to a hair. That cyclometer is perfectly accurate. Look at it yourself, Rivers. You know the make. I've tested it between township lines."

Rivers stooped down and inspected it.

"Brooks," he said, "I don't want to expose you before anybody, but when you make the preposterous claim that"—

"I'm talking in dead earnest. I'll make oath to every word I have said."

"Don't do it, Brooks. Don't do it. Take a look at that cyclometer yourself."

"I'm looking at it. It's all right. It stands now at 248 miles. I've ridden a mile since I came back from my run."

"But how about that other knocker?"

"What?"

"That other knocker. You've got two of them on opposite spokes. Every time the wheel makes a revolution it hits the star wheel twice, and at the end of your run the cyclometer indicates just twice the distance you have traveled. Your record for the three hours, Brooks, is exactly 22½ miles, and I respectfully submit that it isn't anything to boast of"—

With something like a groan Brooks sprang to the side of the machine and made a personal inspection. It was even so. There were two "knockers."

"Rivers," he shouted, pale with wrath, "you did that. You sneaked that other one on there yourself. I'll be even with you if it takes me the rest of my lifetime."

Without another word he grabbed his bicycle and trundled it out of the room.

But there was a wild look in his eye that boded no good for Rivers.

His turn will come.—Chicago Tribune.

Every Woman Wants a Pretty Home.

The deftness of woman's fingers enables her to turn and twist the things that are old into decorations that are new and lovely in effect. She can select harmonious colors when she buys inexpensive furnishings and so tone the aspect of her home that rest and ease may welcome every new visitor. She may become so essential to the happiness of each child in the home that its first inquiry when returning from play or from school will be, "Is mother home?" She may live her young years over again with the loving childhood about her if she will share the joys and sorrows of her boys and girls. To every woman a home is essential, whether it is may be her own or somebody else's. But wherever she lives it is right that she should bring the heart into her life. Love begets love, and wherever it is present the joys of daily life counterbalance the ills.

How to make a home? Why, let the two who build it be of one mind—that it is to be the happiest spot in the whole earth. Include in your desire not only the purpose to make yourselves happy, but to brighten the lives of everybody else. And be sure to keep your windows open to the sunlight. So many times the best rooms in our homes are treated as if they were too good for everyday life, and their chill and discomfort when experienced by an unexpected guest make her dream of "cellar damp and creeping things." Let life in the home be free and easy and yet orderly. But do not despair if the sticks of wood piled for use in the parlor fireplace are not perfectly straight and just the right length. And do not feel it a duty to brush the carpet each time a neighbor calls to see you, else you will become the victim to a dust pan and brush.—New York Ledger.

Dangerously Near It.

"I come mighty nigh swearin," the deacon confessed as he came into the house nursing a bruised thumb.

"You don't tell me," said his wife.

"But I do tell you. I am a-tellin you right now. I hit my thumb with the hammer, an 'sted of sayin' 'By ginger!' like I most always do, I hollers out, 'By pepper!' I dunno how much hotter I would of made it if it had hurt a little worse."—Indianapolis Journal.

One time a man asked the poet Longfellow how to be healthy, and this is the answer he received:

Joy, temperance and repose
Slam the door on the doctor's nose.

There is no open door to the temple of success. Every one makes his own door, which closes behind him to all others.—Marden.

AUSTRALIAN IDIOSYNCRASIES.

Some Things Which Nat Goodwin Saw and Heard While There.

"Australia is an odd place," said Nat Goodwin. "Everything seems upside down. Birds have fur, tree branches point downward, four footed animals lay eggs—oh, that's a zoological fact. They have the funniest sounding names there. Names of places end in 'goo,' 'boo,' 'doo,' 'bally' and 'gally.' I got tired of it. The manager of the theater where we played in Sydney, New South Wales, was all the time recommending me to take a trip to some of the resorts with the peculiarly ending names. One day he asked if I didn't want to ride Sunday to a place called, I think, Billingulawoogally. 'No,' said I seriously, 'I think I'll take my bicycleaboo and rideagally out to Boomarangville. There I'll take a boboocar and rangslamabang to Mapawanirumgo. I'll come back here by the way of Gallybaloo and by the great aboriginal Voogoo Googoo and Booboo. Don't you ask me another —— question.' He understood the latter Anglo-Saxon portion of the sentence.

"There are pleasant things in the land of topsy turviness," added the comedian. "You may talk of Tyrolean warblers and Italian nightingales and all that, but I never heard anything to equal the calling of the Australian sheep herders. When they call their flocks, they sound a note impossible to describe correctly, but sounding like 'Coo-e coo-e.' I have heard them in the dusk of evening, first one and then another shepherd calling across the hills, and the effect is charming. I'd like to hear a song sung with the calling of the Australian shepherds coming in on the chorus. But I doubt if the imitation would sound anything at all like the original."—Baltimore World.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute	7	@	7¼
Standard	7¼	@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	12½
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6½	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 10
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	47
Virginia Meal	47	@	50
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	80	@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10½	@	11½
Dairy Cream		@	11
State		@	10½
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	9
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	17	@	18
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	4 00	@	4 85
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	6
" Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	5 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	50
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	46
Oats, from store	40	@	45
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	20	@	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint		@	10
Dry salt		@	9
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
Clover Hay		@	75
Rice Straw	40	@	45
Eastern		@	75
Western		@	75
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 35
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 60	@	1 65
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	10 50	@	11 00
Rump	10 50	@	11 00
Prime		@	10 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool	75	@	80
American	70	@	75
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	47½
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5½	@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C	5¼	@	5½
Extra C, Golden		@	5
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	4 50
Inferior to ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	10	@	15

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22, 1898.

SCHOONERS.

Cora M, 137 tons, Mitchell, Charleston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Mabel Darling, 112 tons, Ranger, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Emma C Cottingham, Steelman, 478 tons, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

B J Hazard, 373 tons, Blatchford, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Chas D Hall, 375 tons, Lowe, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Eva A Danenhour, 217 tons, Miller, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Melissa Trask, French, 225 tons, Geo Harriss, Son Co.

Julia Elizabeth, Sweeting, 80 tons, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Sarah E Douglas, Higgs, 90 tons, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Assyrian, 1,841 tons, Frank, Hamburg, A S Heide & Co.

Karoon (Br) Freeman, 1,343 tons, Powers, Gibbs & Co.

BARQUES.

Poseidon, 541 tons, Peterson, A S Heide & Co.

Victor (Nor) 614 tons, Ostrik, A S Heide & Co.

BRIGS.

M C Haskell, 299 tons, Wingfield, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

BARGES.

Carrie L Tyler, 538 tons, Bonneau, Navassa Guano Co.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 40 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 39½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for Dip and $2.30 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady at 30¼@30¼c; rosin firm at $1.15, $1.20; tar firm, $1.05; crude turpentine steady, $1.40, $1.90, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	58
Rosin	141
Tar	526
Crude Turpentine	89

Receipts same day last year.—74 casks spirits turpentine, 419 bbls rosin, 396 bbls tar, 61 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Good Ordinary	2 15-16	cts	℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4 5-16	"	"
Low Middling	4 15-16	"	"
Middling	5⅜	"	"
Good Middling	5 11-16	"	"

Same day last year middling 5¾c.

Receipts—1,872 bales; same day last year, 1,563.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 45@55c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 60c; Fancy, 65. Virginia—Extra Prime, 65c; Fancy, 70c: Spanish, 70 @80c.

CORN—Firm; 42½@47½ cents per bushel.

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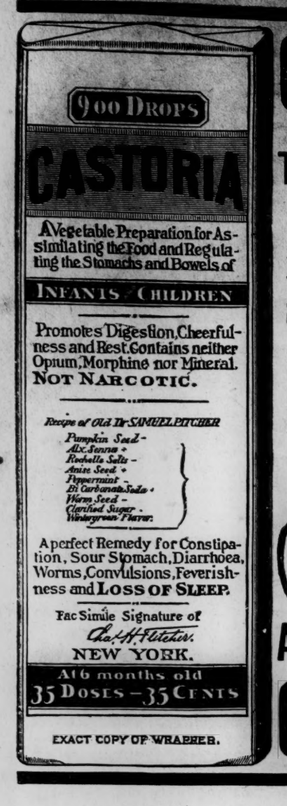

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50 cents a pair.

A large and complete line of Gent's Half Hose, Collars and Cuffs, Brushes and Combs, Purses and Chatelain Bags. A lot of Ladies' Kid Gloves, perfect in every respect; original price was $1.00, now sold at 75 cents a pair.

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Mixed Nuts (new crop) at 10 cents per pound.
Dried Figs at 10 cents per pound.
Grecian Dates 10c per pound, 3 pounds for 25c.
Baldwin Apples 40 cents per peck.
Huffordston Apples 50 cents per peck.
King Apples, the best, 60 cents per peck.
Bananas 10 and 12 cents per dozen.
Florida Oranges 20 cents per dozen.
West India Oranges 25 cents per dozen.
Jamaica Oranges 35 and 40 cents per dozen.
Hand-made Cream Bon Bons 10c per pound, regular price 20 cents.
All kinds of Mixed Taffeys 10c per pound.
Chocolate Drops 13c; 2 pounds for 25c.
Cocoanut Cream 15c; 2 pounds for 25c
Cocoanut Choco ate Cream 15c; 2 lbs. for 25c.
Sugar Coated Peanuts 15c, 2 pounds for 25c.
Peanut Brittle 10c, 3 pounds for 25c.
Cocoanut Balls dipped in Cream 20c; 3 pounds for 50c.
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HIS BROTHER BOB.

It was a beautiful July morning at the seashore, and as Nicholas Van Ralston stepped out upon the veranda and drank in the fresh, invigorating sea breeze he felt that the whole panorama in front of his eyes had been made for men like himself—that is, for a perfect man, well to do, well reared, on the sunny side of 40, with a pleasant past behind him and a pleasanter future before him.

"Can it be that old Nick is expecting somebody?" thought the hotel clerk, and a few moments later a discreet smile played over his features, for to Nicholas had entered R. U. E., as they do not say on the stage, to my certain knowledge, anyhow, a young woman.

The clerk looked over the large leather bound book in front of him and saw that on the page upon which were recorded the names of the late arrivals of the day before was written:

"Mrs. Middlebrook, Miss Flora Middlebrook, New York."

Nicholas saw Miss Flora the moment that she appeared, and a fit sight for such a morning she made.

Nicholas smiled when he saw her and hastened to meet her. She smiled, too, when she saw him and held out her hand to him.

And at this very moment it should be said that Nicholas Van Ralston had made a solemn vow the night before, and that in that vow the name of this young lady had figured conspicuously. Nicholas, it seems, had tired of single blessedness, and in looking over the list of the young women of his acquaintance he had decided that of them all not one offered so many attractions and so few detractions as this same Flora Middlebrook. Whereupon Nicholas had made up his mind to make her his bride.

Of course he admitted she had her faults, but he alleged that all women had such things, and that it would be the easiest thing in the world for her to cure herself of them.

Unlike most men, Nicholas decided to see that the cure was effected before he proposed marriage, and so he now proceeded to gird up his loins and give her her first lesson.

Nicholas started off on an entirely new tack and managed his first lesson so carefully and nicely, he argued, that while, if she should for unknown reasons be offended, the blame might fall upon somebody else's shoulders.

"That brother of mine," he said, "that Bob, he is a fine fellow; rather outspoken, though."

Flora stopped looking at the sea, and her eyes grew brighter than ever.

"Indeed," she cried, "and what has he been doing now?"

"Why, he has been so outrageous as to criticise you."

"That's nice," said the girl. "And what has he been saying?"

Nicholas saw that she was in a good humor, that she was interested, that she had decided to take her lesson like a good little child, and so he rejoiced exceedingly.

"Yes," he continued, "he has been saying some things about you. Bob says in his own inimitable way that Miss Middlebrook is one of the most charming young women he has ever met, indeed the most charming girl he has ever seen in this country or any other country, but that she"—

And he gave her a list of shortcomings, which out of fairness to the young woman are to be omitted here, however.

Flora listened attentively, with a rather wistful air, but still as if she were really interested and not at all as if she objected to such criticism.

Nicholas was radiant with success when he saw how well she took her lesson.

"Does he really say all this?" she asked when he had finished the list.

Nicholas nodded his head.

"And you, Mr. Van Ralston, what do you think?"

"Well, Miss Middlebrook, now, come. You would hardly expect me to be so bold as to criticise you?"

But he nodded his head sagely and with such an air that he knew she could see that it was he who was preaching and not that young brother of his.

Nicholas paid most devoted attention to Miss Middlebrook the rest of the day, and he was very sorry indeed when a telegram called him back to the city the next day. In the city he found important business enough to last him a month. He fretted and fumed, but he had to stand it, and his only consolation was that his brother Bob wrote from the seat of war that he had never seen a young woman so much changed for the better as Miss Flora Middlebrook.

At the end of a fortnight Nicholas found time to return to the siege, and so much was he impressed by the young woman's behavior that he decided that the reformation in her character had been effected and that the time had come for his proposal.

This he proceeded to make the evening after his arrival at the hotel.

Flora heard him through, and then Nicholas received the first shock to his nervous system and his self esteem that he had known in many a year.

"I am very sorry," said the young woman, "but you have made a great mistake. I can never be your wife."

"What!" cried Nicholas. "And why not?"

"Because, though I like and esteem you, I do not care for you in that way."

"Then why did you encourage me so much?"

"Encourage you! How did I encourage you, pray?" cried Flora.

"Your behavior!" mumbled Nicholas. "Did you not after I told you what I thought you should do"—

"But you said your brother Bob"—

"Oh, confound my brother Bob!" cried Nicholas.

"Please don't confound your brother Bob, Mr. Nicholas, for, you see"—

"Well?"

"You see, you told me what your brother Bob thought I should do, and I have tried to do it, and the truth of the matter is, Mr. Nicholas—the truth of the matter is that your brotherBob and I"—

"Eh?" exclaimed Nicholas, beginning to fear the truth. "You don't mean that"—

"Exactly," said Miss Middlebrook; "that's exactly what I mean."—St. Louis Republic.

Harcourt's Comment.

"That famous old country gentleman, the late Sir Rainald Knightley," says G. W. Russell in his "Collections and Recollections," "had been expatiating after dinner on the undoubted glories of his famous pedigree. The company was getting a little restive under the recitation, when Sir William Harcourt was heard to say in an appreciative aside, 'This reminds me of Addison's evening hymn:

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A Game Two Could Play.

I remember that a well known Louisville gambler on one occasion thought he had struck a good thing when a stranger who looked as if he had plenty of money came along and suggested a friendly game of poker. The game ran along very smoothly for awhile, and at last, when the opportune moment came, that unregenerate native dealt to the guileless stranger four queens and gave himself four kings.

Of course the betting became interesting right away, and after all the cash was up and it came to a show down, the Louisville man laid down his four kings and the stranger showed four aces.

"Take the money, mister!" gasped the astonished Kentuckian, as he nearly fell in a fit. "Take it, if you have the heart to do it. But I'll be darned if that was the hand I dealt you!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

CATARRH

With the following Symptoms.

Enlargement of the soft bones of the nose, thickening and ulceration of the lining membrane, with its constant discharge of unhealthy mucus and foul breath tainted, hawking, expectorating, nosebleeding, headaches, partial loss of hearing, noises in the head, deafness and impaired vision,

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Catarrh is due to an impure condition of the blood, and is one of the numerous offsprings of Blood Poison. It may have come from a long way back in the family history, but the general opinion among medical men is that Catarrh is the offshoot of Poisoned Blood, producing bad breath and the above-named symptoms. The fact is admitted by all that it is only curable by constitional treatment Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) has scored some brilliant victories in the cure of this loathsome malady, and why? Because B. B. B. when taken as directed, mixes with the poisons in the blood which produce Catarrh, so as to cause the poison to be expelled from the blood through the sweat glands and excretory organs. R. B. Saulter, Athens, Georgia, wrote us not long ago that he was surprised to observe how agreeable his breath had become since using only three bottles of B. B. B. He was also able to hear better. Mrs. Lula Banks, of Alabama, wrote us that a friend of hers since using six bottles of B. B. B. that the nauseous discharges which she had through the mouth and nose had stopped and that she was able to breathe freely and talk without offending any one with her bad breath. A remarkable case is that of Mrs. Elizabeth Knott of Atlanta, which we print in full,

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$15	"	"	"	"	"	$4290
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Statement of ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of Business Dec. 1st, 1898. Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$659,283 50	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts secured by collateral	10,480 58	Surplus	70,000 00
Overdrafts unsecured	377 33	Undivided profits	19,564 01
U. S. Bonds (at par)	95,600 00	Circulation	40,950 00
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Deposits, U. S. Treasurer	$ 50,000 00
Due from app'd reserve agts	$156,149 52	" from banks	190,207 20
Due from other Banks	$165,230 57	" Individuals	566,562 36-906,769 56
Cash on hand	65,178 27—386,542 16		
Total	$1,162,233 57	Total	$1,162,233 57

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Dec. 1, '97.	Dec. 1, '98.
Total Deposits	$678,000	$906,700
Surplus and Net Profits	76,100	89,500

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. de 7 tf

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 A. M., leaves Weldon 11:30 A. M., Raleigh 3:40 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:56 P. M., Athens 3:43 A. M., and Atlanta 5:30 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Washington 4:40 P. M., Richmond 8:05 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., leaves Weldon 11:38 P. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Rockingham 5:33 A. M., Wadesboro 5:53 A. M., Monroe 6:43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolton 10:35 A. M., Shelby 11:37 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:50 noon, Athens 1:18 P. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 7:50 P. M., Athens 11:19 P. M., Monroe 6:05 A. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:10 A. M., Monroe 5:55 A. M., Wadesboro 7:01 A. M., Hamlet 8:00 A. M., Raleigh 11:25 A. M., Weldon 2:45 P. M.; arrive Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M. Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 M. Leaves Athens 8:18 P. M., Monroe 9:40 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:55 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:28 P. M., Monroe 9:40 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:15 P. M., Hamlet 11:15 P. M., Sanford 1:09 A. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:20 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:50 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M. Arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:00 P. M. Arrives Hamlet 6:30 P. M.

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Condensed Schedule.

In Effect November 20th, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	8 50 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 00 M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 20 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 28 "
Leave Sanford	1 50 "
Leave Climax	3 44 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 15 "
Leave Greensboro	4 25 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 13 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 44 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 13 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 25 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 45 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 09 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 36 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 42 "
Leave Sanford	3 30 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 49 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 52 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 02 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 05 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 53 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 53 "
Leave Red Springs	5 35 "
Arrive Maxton	6 09 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOMND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 30 "
Leave Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Climax	3 50 "
Arrive Ramseur	5 30 "

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At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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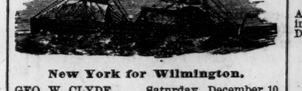

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 20, 1898.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 34 A. M., Goldsboro 12.30 A. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.31 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.55 A. M., New York 6.58 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.49 P. M., Warsaw 9.03 P. M., Goldsboro 10.00 P. M., Wilson 10.48 P. M., †Tarboro 6. 45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.35 P. M. Weldon 12.59 A. M., †Norfolk 10.05 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.33 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.33 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M , Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M., Marion 6 34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.35 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M , St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4 30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.00 P. M., Wilson 2.33 P. M., Goldsboro 3.16 P. M., Warsaw 4 07 P. M., Magnolia 4.30 P. M.

DAILY

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 21.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

General Impression That the Trip Has Cemented Good Feeling Between the North and South.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The Presidential party, after an absence of several days in the South, arrived at the Pennsylvania station over the Southern Railroad at 11 o'clock this morning, exactly on schedule time. With the exception of Mrs. McKinley, who was slightly indisposed at Atlanta, every member of the party has been in the best of health and all pronounced the trip most enjoyable and a splendid success in every way. Everywhere a stop was made, the President was received with greetings and demonstrations of an enthusiastic character, and during the entire week there was not a disturbing incident.

The run from Columbia, S. C., was uneventful and on arrival here the splendid train of six Pullman cars, under the personal supervision of General Agent Brown, was run up the Sixth street siding, where all alighted. The President and Mrs. McKinley were driven to the White House at once. The last morning aboard the Presidential train was spent chiefly in farewell visits paid upon each other by members of the party. The President received all guests in his own car. He expressed his entire satisfaction over the the trip. In this sentiment every member of the cabinet aboard heartily coincided while Generals Wheeler and Shafter repeated the eulogistic expressions already made in their public speeches. The general impression prevailed that the trip had cemented to a marvellous degree the good feeling between the North and South, and brought into prominence the excellent condition and capabilities of the army. The original object of the trip to celebrate the peace with Spain, lost significance directly after the President's memorable utterances regarding the care of the Confederate dead.

The President Condemned.

SOMMERVILLE, MASS., Dec. 20.—Mayor A. A. Perry, member of Willard C. Kinsley Post 139, G. A. R., has written a letter to the *Post* severely condemning that portion of President McKinley's address at Atlanta suggesting that it would be proper for the government to assist in the care and preservation of Confederate cemeteries The letter says:

"Perhaps it is better for me to stay away from Grand Army gatherings for a little time, at least until I recover from the shock of the statements lately made by President McKinley at Atlanta. I love the South and its people, and no one rejoices more than I at the splendid spectacle of a reunited country, presented during the recent war with Spain. But I cannot believe that it is the duty of the nation to give the same attention to the graves of the men who sought to destroy it as to the resting places of those who died for its preservation. God forbid that any word should come from my lips or pen calculated to revive the sad memories of the past. Let us extend the warm hand of fellowship to our Southern brothers. Let us give to them ungrudgingly of our love. But let us not do any act or approve any policy from which future generations may infer that the great American republic in the closing years of the nineteenth century had become so blind that she could not distinguish between the savers and her would-be destroyers."

THE ARMY BILL.

Favorable Report to be Made by the House Committee for an Increase of 100,000 Men.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The House committee on Military Affairs this afternoon ordered a favorable report on the Hull bill, increasing the regular army up to 100,000 men.

The final vote on reporting the bill was 8 to 5 on party lines.

Mr. Marsh, Rep., while voting for the bill, reserved the right to oppose some of its features on the floor. The minority gave notice of a minority report and a substitute bill. Five days were given for the preparation of the majority and minority reports, chairman Hull making that for the majority and Mr. Hay drawing the substitute bill and report for the Democrats. The main feature of the substitute bill will be a standing army limited to that existing before the recent war and authority to the President to enlist a large temporary force, probably 50,000 men for service in outlying territory.

A number of changes were made in the Hull bill relating to the administration of the new army.

TO PENSION CONFEDERATES.

An Amendment to the Pension Appropriation Bill by Senator Butler.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Butler, of North Carolina, to-day gave notice of an amendment he will introduce to the pension appropriation bill pensioning ex-Confederate soldiers. The amendment follows:

"That from and after the passage of this bill, every pension law now on the statute books shall apply to every invalid soldier, widow, minor child, dependent relative, the army nurses and all other pensioners who may be able to prove their claims under the present pension laws, without regard to whether said soldier was enlisted in the Federal or Confederate service of the civil war of 1861-65; provided, that those enlisted in the Confederate service shall not draw any back pensions prior to the passage of this bill, but their claim under existing laws shall begin and become operative with the passage of this bill."

Samuel Gompers was re-elected President of the American Federation of Labor by a practically unanimous vote at the closing session of the eighteenth annual convention of that organization in Kansas City, Mo.

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ACQUISITION OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Discussed in the Senate and House of Representatives at Yesterday's Session.

SENATOR TELLER'S ADDRESS.

Maintained the Right of the United States to Acquire Foreign Territory—Argument of Representative Williams Against Expansion.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Teller occupied the first half of to-day's session of the Senate with a speech in advocacy of the theory that there are no restrictions upon the right of the United States to expand its borders so as to include far distant territory.

Mr. Teller's address, like that of Mr. Platt, was a constitutional argument in the course of which he maintained the right of the United States to acquire foreign territory without entering upon a discussion of the policy of expansion, except of course in an incidental and inferential way. In view of Mr. Platt's very able exposition of the question, Mr. Teller thought he might omit much that he had intended to discuss. He did not think there was the slightest question of the power of this government to acquire foreign territory.

"If we are a nation," he declared, "we have the power to exercise the rights of a nation—all the rights of any sovereign power." He believed that the founders of this government intended to found a nation and the idea that they carried their intention into execution had been sustained by the Senate, House of Representatives and the courts ever since. He declared that it was a prerogative of a nation to defend itself. When the country was called upon in 1861 to meet this question, it met it fairly and settled it for all time. So far as the United States was concerned, at least, the question was finally settled at Appomattox. "Then," declared Mr. Teller, "we took our place as a nation, endowed with all the powers of a sovereign and we possess those powers to-day."

In reply to a question by Mr. Tillman, Mr. Teller said he would not go to war with the people of the Philippines in order to force our institutions upon them. He would consult them as to the form of government, and he believed that by pursuing this course we could avoid the necessity of war with the natives. The government might not be as perfect as ours, but all accounts agree that the natives are tractable and intelligent and capable of progress.

Mr. Proctor here interrupted Mr. Teller to read an extract from a letter from Admiral Dewey concerning the character of the Filipinos, as follows: "These people can be governed without the slightest difficulty. They readily give in to reason, and I have not had the slightest difficulty in dealing with them."

Mr. Proctor also read an extract from the letter of an army officer in terms of praise of the Filipinos and indicating that there need be no difficulty with them.

Continuing, Mr. Teller expressed the opinion that the natives could not be governed from Washington. They were susceptible to just and liberal treatment and there was no reason why if they were capable of appreciating them, our beneficient institutions should not be extended to them.

Mr. Allison, Iowa, reported favorably from the Appropriations Committee the House resolution providing for an adjournment of Congress from December 21st to January 4th, and it was adopted without division.

The remainder of the session was given up to the Nicaragua bill. Senator Caffery was the only speaker on this subject, and he opposed the Morgan bill.

Without having concluded his remarks, Mr. Caffery at 4.10 P. M. yielded to Mr. Gallinger, and on his motion the Senate went into executive session.

At 5.10 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day listened to the first speech on the subject of the annexation of the Philippines. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, a Democratic member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, in an hour's speech, stated his opposition to a policy which would bring the islands under the sphere of United States influence. Physically, he said, the islands would prove a great disappointment. They were thickly populated with peoples of heterogeneous races. They could never afford homes or opportunity for American citizens. In the annexation of territory of the past the area annexed had been always conterminous, except in the case of Alaska, and we had in each case increased our population and our power of national defence. These have been the tests in the past. The Philippines fulfilled none of these tests. In the case of Cuba, if Cuba should be willing in the future to throw in her lot with us, the case would be different. Sixty six per cent. of Cuba's population was Caucasian, a fact not generally known. Her people could easily be assimilated. Cuba was practically contiguous. She lay directly within the sphere of American influence.

"We want no unwilling subjects," said Mr. Williams. "We want no opportunity for the exercise of tyranny. The South is especially hostile to the absorption of a great population, alien in race, blood, color and customs."

Objections to Annexation.

He summed up the objections to the annexation of the Philippines. They lay 7,000 miles from our coast; not a single geographical defensive or racial test could be applied; annexation would project us 7,000 miles in the melee of the Orient; we would have to hold in subjection 9,000,000 Filipinos, at a cost of $140,000,000 annually.

And as the House was considering an agricultural bill, he said it might be well to bear in mind who would have to pay the increased taxes. Taxes could be shifted and shifted until they reached the farmer. Then they were shiftable no longer. He argued that citizenship could not be denied the natives of the islands if they were annexed. They came within the purview of the Fifteenth constitutional amendment. They became citizens *ipso facto*, as soon as the islands were annexed. He had been asked why, if Mississippi had been able to deal with the race question, the people of the United States would not be able to do so in the Philippines. The difference was that the people of Mississippi understood the problem with which they had to deal. It came home to them by actual contact. The people of the United States who would have to solve it would do so theoretically and they would fail.

There Must be White Supremacy.

If white supremacy were not guaranteed in Hawaii, he declared that ninety per cent. of the Caucasians would not remain there.

While he opposed the annexation, he said, he should not return the Philippines to Spain. "I should leave the islands where they were the day after Dewey's glorious victory at Manila I should haul down the American flag. I am for the flag, for what it means, not for itself. It is nothing but a piece of bunting and when some one announces that it must not come down, I care not how high his station, he says something unworthy of himself and his country. The flag should come down, if it is right that it should do so, and the American people must pull it down. We would not let any other country do it." [Prolonged applause on Democratic side.]

Proceeding, Mr. Williams argued that if the Philippines could not take care of themselves they would fall under the influence of England, or France, or Germany. Our interest in them was the commercial interest. We had in the East generally interest in an "open door" policy. If any other country got possession of the Philippines, it would not do worse than Spain did. In any event, our trade with the Philippines was a mere drop in the bucket and if we retained possession of them we would have to sacrifice the "open door" policy in the Orient or go back on the constitution. He argued that our tariff laws must extend over the islands and if they did, it would be absurd for us to exercise one policy in the Philippines and contend for another in Cuba.

Let England Have Them.

There was still another solution of the problem. Mr. Williams said if we did not want to give the islands their independence or let them fall under the sway of another country, we could sell them as a war indemnity to England. She would bring to them civilization. The islands would get freedom of religion and freedom of trade and we would get rid of a naval, military, political racial and and social problem and an everlasting, a perplexing foreign policy.

Mr. Williams' remarks were listened to with careful attention and his colleagues gave him a hearty round of applause when he concluded.

Agricultural Bill Passed.

The Agricultural bill was then passed. The provision inserted in the bill to be used as a means of retaliating against Germany and other countries was passed with a slight amendment, which gives the Secretary of the Treasury discretion in refusing the delivery of goods adulterated or deleterious to health, instead of making refusal to deliver such goods mandatory. The bill carried $3,696,322, or $187,120 more than the current law.

Several resolutions from the River and Harbor Committee, calling upon the Secretary of War for estimates as to the cost of certain proposed river and harbor work, were adopted. In the list is Deep Creek, Va.

The conference report on the Army and Navy Deficiency bill was adopted and at five o'clock the House adjourned.

AN AVOWED POLYGAMIST.

Movement to Prevent the Seating of Brigham H. Roberts as Representative from Utah in Congress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 20.—There were about two hundred persons present at the meeting of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in this city to-day. The object of the meeting was to inaugurate an aggressive campaign to prevent the seating of Brigham H. Roberts, an avowed polygamist, as representative of Utah in the 56th Congress.

Eugene Young, a grandson of Brigham Young, spoke. He said among other things: "There seems to be a disposition in the East, particularly among the politicians, also in the churches, to treat the revival of the Mormon issue as a minor matter. There is an inclination to view the election to Congress of B. H. Roberts—a three or four ply-polygamist still living in polygamy, as an unavoidable outcome of that condition in Utah and a mere question of personal morality. Some day they will see, as those who know Mormon ambitions see now, that Mr. Roberts is a mere instrument, the representative of mighty forces. They will learn that through his election a people three hundred thousand strong have turned from American liberty and American morality and have taken the initial step toward the establishment of a hierarchy, foreign to our institutions and our social laws, in the midst of our republic. If in dragging polygamy into the House of Representatives Mr. Roberts is representing the defiant sentiment of the whole Mormon people, then the people must not rest until Congress has cast him out, as a warning to all covenant-breakers and polygamists.

GRAND ARMY POSTS.

Endorse President McKinley's Suggestion Concerning the Graves of the Confederate Dead.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, December 20.—Hyde Park Post, G. A. R., has unanimously endorsed President McKinley's Atlanta declaration that the time has arrived when the Federal government should assist the Southern States in caring for the graves of the Confederate dead. A copy of the resolutions were telegraphed to the President at Augusta, Ga. Hyde Park Post is the first in the country to act on the President's proposition.

LANCASTER, PENN., December 20.—Stevens Post 157, G. A. R., of Lititz, has endorsed the President's speech relating to the government caring for the graves of the Confederate dead, and has requested Congressman Brosius to use his influence to bring about national legislation to carry into effect the President's sentiments.

FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.

Sentence of Wm. Steele, Cashier of the Wrecked Philadelphia Bank.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA., December 20.—William Steele, former cashier of the wrecked Chestnut Street National Bank, was to-day sentenced by Judge Butler in the United States District Court, to six years and six months imprisonment and $300 fine. Steele was convicted of conspiracy with the late William M. Singerly, president of the bank, in making false entries in the books of the bank and false reports of the bank's condition to the comptroller of the currency, and in misapplying the funds of the bank.

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FATAL FIRE IN NEW YORK CITY.

Resulted in the Death of Three Persons and Serious Injury of Others.

HANDSOME BUILDING BURNED

Occupied by Chas. H. Raymond, General Agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Co.—Mrs. Raymond and Her Sister Dashed to Death.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 20.—A fierce fire started at the handsome house at No. 260 West Seventy-third street, occupied by Charles H. Raymond, general agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, at an early hour this morning, which resulted in the death of three persons and the serious injury of several others.

The dead are: Mrs. Charles H. Raymond, 55 years of age, death resulting from compound fracture of the leg and internal injuries; Mrs. Victoria Underwood, Zanesville, O., sister of Mrs. Raymond, jumped from a third story window; Harriet Fee, domestic, burned to death. The injured are: Charles H. Raymond, 60 years of age, shock, overcome by smoke; William Doerr, aged 30 years, conductor, injured about the body, scalp wound; William Ferguson, 36 years of age, butler, face lacerated, overcome by smoke.

The fire started in the basement and in a few minutes the lower part of the house was in flames. There was a panic and Mrs. Victoria Underwood, Mrs. Raymond's younger sister, who had come here from Ohio to spend the Christmas holidays, jumped from a third story window and was killed almost instantly. William Doerr, who had run to the scene to assist in the rescue, and who was ascending a ladder to try to save Mrs. Underwood, was struck by her body as she fell and knocked to the pavement below. He struck an iron railing that surrounded the house and was seriously injured.

Mrs. Raymond who occupied a room on the second floor, was assisted to the window by her husband and stood on the sill, panic stricken and calling for help. The firemen went rapidly up scalping ladders, while people on the street shouted to the Raymonds not to jump. They were so confused and frightened and half suffocated that they seemed not to know what they were doing. As the firemen neared the window Mrs. Raymond stumbled and fell. Her night dress caught on a round of the ladder and her body whirled around as it fell to the flagged area. She was picked up unconscious and taken to Roosevelt hospital, where she died to-night.

Harriet Fee, a domestic, who had run upstairs at the first alarm to arouse the persons sleeping in the house, was unable to get to the street again and was burned to death.

Mr. Raymond himself was rescued and was taken to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was found that he was suffering a great deal from having inhaled flames and smoke.

It is claimed by the authorities that the casualties resulted by reason of the panic. The house was supplied with fire-escapes and the firemen were early at the scene.

ANOTHER DREYFUS DEBATE.

Stormy Scene in the French Senate and Chamber of Deputies—The Secret Dossier.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, December 20.—The Dreyfus secret dossier was handed to the Court of Cassation this evening, under the pledge that it should not be communicated to the counsel for the defence or to any one outside the court.

The Chamber of Deputies indulged in another Dreyfus debate to-day. Joseph Fournier, Socialist deputy for Aisne, moved a resolution conferring the franchise upon soldiers, and demanded urgency for it. He then proceeded to expound his views, which provoked a great uproar.

The Premier, M. Dupuy, replied: "I should have thought that the Dreyfus affair had already done the country enough harm. M. Fournier's new proposal would be most pernicious. The country has a doubled army to safeguard her independence and we do not wish to give its officers the means of descending to the forum. We must rally around the army."

The motion for urgency was then defeated by 477 votes against 26.

In the Senate a stormy discussion took place over a bill increasing the penalties for espionage and treason. There were frequent references to Dreyfus. Eventually the bill, which prescribes death for State officials who are guilty of treason in time of peace, was adopted.

COLORED CITIZENS.

Movement Started in Cleveland, Ohio, to Form a National Organization.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, December 20.—As a result of a meeting of colored citizens held in this city recently to protest against the treatment that was accorded colored people during the race troubles at Wilmington, N. C., a movement to form a national organi zation of colored citizens has commenced. Those chiefly interested are Frank Lee, William Bundy and the pastors of the colored churches. The name selected is the Brotherhood of African Descent. The object is to bring about united political action to prevent such occurrences as that at Wilmington. The Cleveland promoters of the organization are in communication with prominent colored men in the Northern States with the view of obtaining their co-operation. A meeting will be soon called to start the new society.

MRS. MOORE'S CASE.

The Work of Getting a Jury Not Yet Completed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The work of getting a jury for the trial of Mrs. Fayne Strahan Moore, co-defendant with her husband, Wm. A. E. Moore, convicted of "badgering" Martin Mahon in a hotel in this city, was resumed to-day. Four jurors were obtained yesterday, and after a long list of talesmen had been examined to-day five more were accepted by both sides. The case was then adjourned until to-morrow morning.

The provisional court of Berlin has acquitted Frank Knaak, of New York, of the charge of *lese majeste* in referring to Emperor William as a sheepshead, because Mr. Knaak was intoxicated when he committed the offence.

CONDITIONS IN HAVAVA.

Evacuation Will Be Complete Before January—First North Carolina Regiment Doing Guard Duty.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—Captain General Castellanos informed Brig. Gen. Clous that the evacuation of Havana would be complete on or before January 1st next. Fourteen transports are due to arrive from Spain during the next ten days. There are 16,000 Spanish troops still in Havana, but the last few thousand will embark simultaneously. This information was particularly agreeable to the Americans, because all Spanish troops who remain here after January 1st will have to be protected.

The Eighth and Tenth regular infantry regiments were ordered here by the United States Evacuation Commissioners from Quemados for duty to-morrow, but the order was changed this evening at the request of Captain General Castellanos, who fears that a conflict of authority might occur should the Americans occupy any position in the city proper prior to the final evacuation.

The First North Carolina.

At noon to-day Major Russell B. Harrison, with a detachment of the First North Carolina regiment, raised the stars and stripes over Fort Atares, in full sight of the wreck of the United States battleship Maine. Harrison, as provost of the Seventh Corps, is charged to preserve order in Cerro, Atares and Jesus Del Monte, suburbs of Havana. Two companies of the Second Illinois regiment and two of the First North Carolina regiment are doing guard duty.

The Cuban irreconcilables talk of overturning the Queen Regent's statue in Central Park on January 1st. General Greene says the statue will be taken down carefully, boxed and offered to Spain, no indignity being allowed.

Last night while an American lady from Richmond, Va., was walking with her husband in Central Park she was hit by a spent rifle bullet, receiving a flesh wound in the side. No report was heard at the time.

An American Imprisoned.

HAVANA, December 20.—Samuel L. Israel, of New York, a few days ago opened a little store on Obispo street, for selling American flags and jewelry. His wife last night appealed in tears to Gen. Greene, saying that Israel had been arrested and that she could not find him. Gen. Greene sent Capt. Mott to Captain General Castellanos, to ask that Israel be produced and sent to General Greene. In an hour an aide-de-camp of the captain general brought the man to the Hotel Inglaterra. He had been in the Furza prison. Israel says that at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a Spaniard entered his store, tore down the flags and broke the show-case with his sword. Later he sent three men, who arrested Isreal. He was well treated while a prisoner.

TO REWARD VOLUNTEERS.

Bill Introduced in the House Granting Extra Pay on Discharge.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—Representative Gibson of Tennessee to day introduced a bill to reward the patriotism of volunteers by granting them extra pay on discharge. Those enlisted men who have served only in the United States shall receive two months additional pay; those men and officers who have served or shall serve abroad are to receive four and two months pay respectively. Those already mustered out are to receive one half of the amounts named.

3,000 SOLDIERS KILLED.

Powder Magazine Explosion at Hang Chow, China.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Shanghai to a newspaper here says a powder magazine situated in the centre of the Chinese camp at Hang Chow exploded, levelling a square mile of houses. It is estimated that 3,000 soldiers were killed, including the general commanding the forces. The American and French missions are both supposed to have been damaged, but it is said there were no fatalities among the Americans.

THE PRIZE RING.

Dal Hawkins Made Short Work of Kid McPartland.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dal Hawkins, the light-weight pugilist from the Pacific slope, made short work of Kid McPartland, of this city, whom he met in the arena of the Lenox Athletic Club to-night The bout was decided in the third round, the New Yorker being knocked out with a left swing on the jaw.

On Tuesday, a balloon which ascended at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, London, crossed the English channel to Fecamp. France, about twenty-seven miles northeast of Havre. The *Daily Chronicle*, which had a man on board, claims to have successfully used Professor Andree's idea of steering a balloon.

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